

Only if the citizens of the Middle East experience the freedoms and opportunity of democratic reform can we hope to win the war against terrorism. We can kill terrorists one by one in Afghanistan and Iraq, but until we change the individual and personal calculations of thousands of young men who are taught to value death over life, there will always be more terrorists around every street corner. A free Iraq will be an oasis of liberty in the heart of the Middle East and a source of democratic influence on its undemocratic neighbors.

Bringing democratic reform to the Middle East is not a lofty hope but a necessary reality and a long-term strategy. Citizens who can voice their frustrations at the ballot box are less likely to do so by strapping bombs to their bodies.

It is no coincidence that democratic Muslim states such as Turkey and reforming states such as Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco are not state supporters of terrorism, while oppressive states such as Syria and Iran provide aid and succor to international terrorists.

President Bush's multi-tiered approach to combating terrorism is the right one. And it is improving.

Likewise, our Nation's efforts can be improved upon if we conduct our debates with the gravity and objectivity required by the high stakes of the war against terrorism, but forgive me for not being optimistic.

Until now, the critics have proposed two alternatives to President Bush's plan to stay the course in Iraq. One alternative is to cut and run or to cede control to the U.N., whose member states by and large want America to cut and run.

Unless failure is our goal, these are not serious proposals. And they discount the very simple fact that unless America delivers on its commitment to eliminate havens for terrorists and support democracy in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, we will embolden the terrorists who delight and attack when America wavers.

How do I know this? Because Osama bin Laden has told us. In his 1998 "Declaration of War Against the Americans" bin Laden noted, and I quote: "When tens of your soldiers were killed in minor battles and one American Pilot was dragged in the street of Mogadishu, you left the area in disappointment, humiliation and defeat, carrying your dead with you."

Former Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger recently noted that Bin Laden also observed: "when people see a strong horse and a weak horse, they naturally gravitate toward the strong horse."

The terrorists are watching us closely, and we must show strength, not weakness. We must not allow Iraq to become another Somalia because going home early is the surest way to embolden the terrorists and ensure the failure of our efforts to bring peace and security to the Middle East.

It is clear to this Senator that al-Qaida wants us to fail in Iraq, just as it wants us to fail in Afghanistan. Al-Qaida terrorists and other foreign Jihadis are aligning themselves with violent Iraqi insurgents whose radical ideology has no place in a democratic Iraq. These zealots want the United States to appear in the Arab world as a weak horse.

The terrorists are watching us closely, and we must show our strength, not our weaknesses, as we confront the security challenges in Iraq that lie between despotism and democracy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina). The majority leader.

### JOBS BILL

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this week our colleague, Senator JOHN KERRY, is traveling to the Midwest to discuss ways to help boost job creation. While I applaud his intention on this issue, I also want to make certain Senator KERRY is aware we have scheduled a third floor debate on the JOBS bill—that is the very important bill on manufacturing in this country, S. 1637—to start next week. That important bill seeks to protect more than a million high-quality manufacturing jobs in the United States.

Unfortunately, Senator KERRY's Democrat colleagues in the Senate are waging a filibuster against this jumpstart our business strength bill, the JOBS bill, having twice voted to prevent us from completing action on this essential manufacturing legislation.

I do ask Senator KERRY to use his new position as his party's presumptive nominee, but in all likelihood the nominee, to help convince his colleagues to abandon this filibuster and move this legislation quickly toward passage.

According to the National Foreign Trade Council, there are currently 147,200 jobs in Ohio that hinge on passage of this JOBS bill; in Michigan, some 150,000 jobs will be impacted by this ill-advised filibuster; and in Pennsylvania, nearly 142,000 jobs are tied to this legislation.

We must repeal these European tariffs on at least 100 U.S.-made products. People say: What sort of products? They include safety glass. They include portable handheld tools. They include marine engines. They include aluminum wire, steel wire. They include printing paper. This Euro tax started at \$200 million in March. It increased to \$240 million in April. It will increase again to \$280 million this Saturday and will continue to climb upward to \$680 million next year if we fail to act.

Senator KERRY was a cosponsor of this bill and supported it in the Finance Committee. I urge him to join us in a bipartisan effort to end his fellow Democrats' filibuster and agree to a time to pass and send to President

Bush a jobs bill, a jobs bill that will benefit manufacturing workers throughout the United States.

We must pass this JOBS bill to protect America's manufacturing base and the manufacturing jobs of thousands of our workers across the United States. America's workers are depending on us.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter from me to Senator KERRY dated April 28, 2004, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,  
OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER,  
Washington, DC, April 28, 2004.

Hon. JOHN KERRY,  
Russell Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR KERRY: This week you are campaigning in the Midwest to discuss ways to help create jobs for the American people.

While I applaud your enthusiasm, I want to make certain you are aware that we have scheduled a third floor debate on the JOBS bill, S. 1637, to start next week. As you know, this important legislation seeks to protect more than a million high-quality manufacturing jobs in the United States.

Unfortunately, your Democrat colleagues in the Senate are waging a filibuster against the Jumpstart Our Business Strength bill (JOBS), having twice voted to prevent us from completing action on this essential legislation.

It is my hope that you will use your position to help convince your Senate Democrat colleagues of the importance of this legislation and help us to move it quickly toward passage. After all, according to the National Foreign Trade Council, there are currently 147,200 jobs in Ohio that hinge on passage of the JOBS bill. In Michigan, some 150,000 jobs will be impacted by this ill-advised filibuster. In Pennsylvania, nearly 142,000 jobs are tied to this legislation. It is my hope that you will join with us in a bipartisan effort to end the Democrat filibuster and press for timely action on the JOBS measure.

Since you were once a co-sponsor of this bill and supported it in the Finance Committee, I know you appreciate how important it is that we approve this measure and repeal the European tariffs on at least 100 US-made products. This Euro-tax started at \$200 million in March, increased to \$240 million in April, will increase to \$280 million this Saturday, and will continue to climb upward to \$680 million by next year if we fail to act.

We look forward to your support in passing a measure that is absolutely essential if we are to protect America's manufacturing base and the manufacturing jobs of thousands of our workers across the United States.

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM H. FRIST, MD,  
Majority Leader,  
United States Senate.

Mr. FRIST. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I have 5 additional minutes of leader time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### STAYING THE COURSE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I want to respond to the distinguished majority leader.